* THE MINISTER -OF STATE IN 'THE MINISTRY OF; PERSONNEL; PUBLIC GRIEVANCES ANET PENSIONS SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA),: (a) No, Si.(b) Does not .arise,

, (c) The programme has been progressing on schedule for realising the Geo-stationary Satellite Launch : Vehicle (GSLV) with cryogenic engine in 1995. -

(d) Does not arise.'

**' Unemployed Graduate Engineers 'in Assam**

*147. SHRI BHADiESWAR tfuRAGO-, HAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of un-employe'd graduate engineers in Assam at present;

' (b) since when they are unemployed , and

' (c) whether any scheme has been chalked out by Government either State or C-iritral to provide employment'to'those engineers?

,TH£ MINISTER OF STATE QF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. 'SANGMA) : (a) to "(c) As! per the information available on the' basis of certain : studies made in 1990, the estimated number of unemployed degree holders in'Engineer-. ing in Assam was 140. Information regarding thfi period for, wruch,.they were unemployed is not available.

The Eighth Five Year Plan envisages a geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural development, development of rural, non-farm sector, faster' growth of small and decentralised manufacturing, expansion of housing, health, services and educntibn .and strengthening, of infrastructure-like energy,' transport, communication and irrigation which should generate sub-stantial employment opportunities for the educated, including technical and other graduates. As per information available, the State Government in their Eighth Plan or in the Annual Plan for 1992-93 have not suggested any special employment scheme for the unemployed engineers.

**Project reports regarding Growth centres in States**

*148. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : WiU the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project reports for the growth centre schemes received from each State Government as on March, 1992;

(b) the number of such projects approved by the Apex committee and how many were cleared by the Ministry;

(c) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocations for these schemes were not fully utilised in the years 1990-91; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to approve the pending project reports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the total number of project reports received from each of the State Governments and the number of projects approved by the Central Government is attached *[See* below],

, (c) Out of a provision of Rs. 30 crores in the year 1990-91 a sum of Rs. 15 crores was utilised under the Scheme.

(d) Till the end of March 1992, 48 project reports were received out of which 22 reports have been approved. A sum of Rs. 41 crores has been released towards the approved reports. In addition, to provisional release of Rs. 10.50 crores has been made in respect of reports received upto 31-12-91 and which are under appraisal.